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SUBJ: SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH CEAUSESCU

1. ROMANIAN PRESS REPORTED MEETING BETWEEN CEAUSESCU AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR DROZDENKO ON JANUARY 5 AT LATTER'S REQUEST. ONE SOVIET SOURCE (COUNSELLOR MASLENNIKOV) SAID MEETING WAS PEGGED TO DELIVERY OF ANNUAL MESSAGE OF GREETINGS FROM SOVIET LEADERS ALTHOUGH ECONOMIC RELATIONS ALSO DISCUSSED. DROZDENKO HIMSELF TOLD GERMAN AMBASSADOR THAT MEETING LASTED ONLY 20 MINUTES AND DISCUSSION CONFINED TO BILATERAL SUBJECTS, PRIMARILY REVIEW OF TRADE IN PAST YEAR AND DISCUSSION OF TRADE IN 1974. MASLENNIKOV SAID ANNUAL BILATERAL TRADE TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW LATER THIS MONTH; HE REFERRED TO "SPARE PARTS" AS MAJOR ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONFIRMED THAT SOVIETS HAVE NO INTENTION OF SUPPLYING PETROLEUM TO ROMANIA. HOWEVER, ECONOMIC RELATIONS WERE DESCRIBED BY MASLENNIKOV AS "GOOD."

2. IN TALK WITH GERMAN AMBASSADOR, DROZDENKO NOTED BRIEFLY THAT "PARTY MATTERS" HAD ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED "BRIEFLY" BUT WAS EVASIVE AS TO SUBSTANCE. IN DENYING THAT MULTILATERAL MATTERS DISCUSSED, CONFIDENTIAL

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EITHER OF PARTY OR STATE NATURE, DROZDENKO RESPONDED TO PROBE

ABOUT CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTIES WITH ASIDES THAT CONFERENCE
NOT POSSIBLE BEFORE 1975 AND THAT ITS LOCATION WOULD NOT
NECESSARILY BE IN MOSCOW AS IN PAST. HE SPECIFICALLY DENIED THAT
MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSED IN ANY WAY.
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